Miners and Tuberculosis.

A mining journal published at Scranton has been calling attention to the curious fact that in coal mining communities there is a marked deficiency in the mortality from tuberculosis as compared with that of other localitics. This is a phenomenon that has also been observed in Great Britain, and attention has been drawn to it by B. T. Thwaite. According to Mr. Thwaite, the effects noted may be due to the physiological effects of carbon monoxide, for he finds that men engaged about blast furnaces and gas producers are peculiarly free from tuberculous trouble. It is suggested that the presence of carbon dust in the lungs may be a cause of production of CO, and that this will serve to explain the immunity of miners from the disease. The tubercle bacillus is a creature of extreme tenacity of life. It is incased in a waxy integument, and is proof against even nitric acid; but gases are so penetrating in their powers of diffusion that it can well be considered that carbonic oxide might reach the tissues of a creature in a subtle manner, for the gas cannot be perceived .- Mines and Minerals.

He Had Figured It Out.

A negro who lived in Macon, Ga., was suddenly bereaved of his wife, who had relatives in Augusta. During the completion of the funeral arrangements the widower had gone to the railroad station and asked the price of round trip tickets to Augusta-two tickets, one for himself and one for the remains. The agent explained that while the widower might nded a round trip for himself it would be necessary to purchase only one-way ticket for the late lamented, the agent taking it for franted that the interment was to be at Augusta.

"I knows what I'm doin'!" protested the negro, somewhat heatedly. "I'se got a def'nite idea what I wants! Mah wife has got more's eighty-nine kinfolks down to Augusty, an' all o' 'em wants to see her befo' she's buried. I'se got it all figgered out dat it'll be more economikul fo' me to take her to Augusty and back heah agin dan it'll be to feed a passel of niggers dat would come from Augusty to de funeral heah!"-St. Louis Republic.

Talk.

We are told that it is harder to make talk than it used to be. Yet talk was never cheaper than now.

Probably nothing has happened except what is all the time a happening in every kind of manufactureancient processes have been superseded. A woman who, in this day and age, expects to make talk by hanging out her winter furs to air will most likely be disappointed. But what were she to drink cocktails and smoke cigarettes in the principal restaurants, or, if her womanly lelicacy shrinks from that, to overdraw her husband at the bank to pay her losses at bridge?

We are so exacting a generation that almost any sort of worthy achievement is conditioned about as much on the employment of strictly modern methods, as on whole-hearted endeavor.-Puck.

The Worst of All Diseases.

"Down in our country," said Judge Sam Cowan, of Texas, "we had a case in one of the minor courts where a lawyer was trying to collect a, bill he claimed was owed to the late husband of his client.

"'He didn't pay no money to the diseased,' said the lawyer. 'He did not get the money, the diseased did not. He didn't receive one cent, the diseased didn't.'

"'Diseased?' inquired the judge, 'What was the person you were speaking about diseased of?"

"'May it please your honor," said the lawyer, 'he was diseased of death." -- Saturday Evening Post.

Married Paupers and Divorced.

"An odd thing about married paupers is that they like to live separate," said a single pauper.

"You know how almshouses are arranged: There's a men's ward, a woman's ward and a mixed ward is always nearly empty. Not that we lack married paupers. Oh, no. But the husbands prefer to bachelor it among the men, and the wives to old-maid it among the women.

"The older our married paupers get the more vehement is their insistence on separate living.

"'She's allus a-naggin',' the octogenarian will growl,

"'Nobody can't sleep o' nights with sech snorin' as his'n,' sniffs the sep-

tuagenarian female. "And so they separate-to all intents divorced."-Philadelphia Bul-

The Abvious Question.

Most of us are acquainted with the person who asks obvious questions-the sort of man who stops you in the middle of a headlong rush and asks you if you are in a hurry. Mr. E. is one of these pests, and during a walk abroad the other morning he paused in astonishment outside a friend's house. Before it stood three huge moving vans, the lawn was a!most covered with articles of furniture of various sorts-pictures, wardrobes and china. And there was his old friend B., begrimed, weary and ill-tempered, directing operations in his shirt sleeves.

"What, B.!" exclaimed Mr. E.; "are you moving?"

"Not at all-not at all!" snapped B., with elaborate sarcasm. "I'm taking my furniture out for a ride!"-

A Problem.

Thomas W. Lawson at a dinner in Boston talked about success,

"Success in finance," he said, "is due in great measure to prompt action. The doubting, hesitating, Hamlet type of man had best keep out of finance. He is sure to be swamped. The street has no use for him.

"Such a man always makes me think of my boyhood friend, Grimes, Grimes was a falterer, a doubter, a Hamlet of the worst type.

"One night I dropped in on him and found him bent in a brown study over a white vest.

"'Hello, Grimes,' said I. 'What's

the matter?'

"'This vest,' said he. 'It's too dirty to wear and not dirty enough to send to the wash. I don't know what to do about it."-Washington

Log Far Underground.

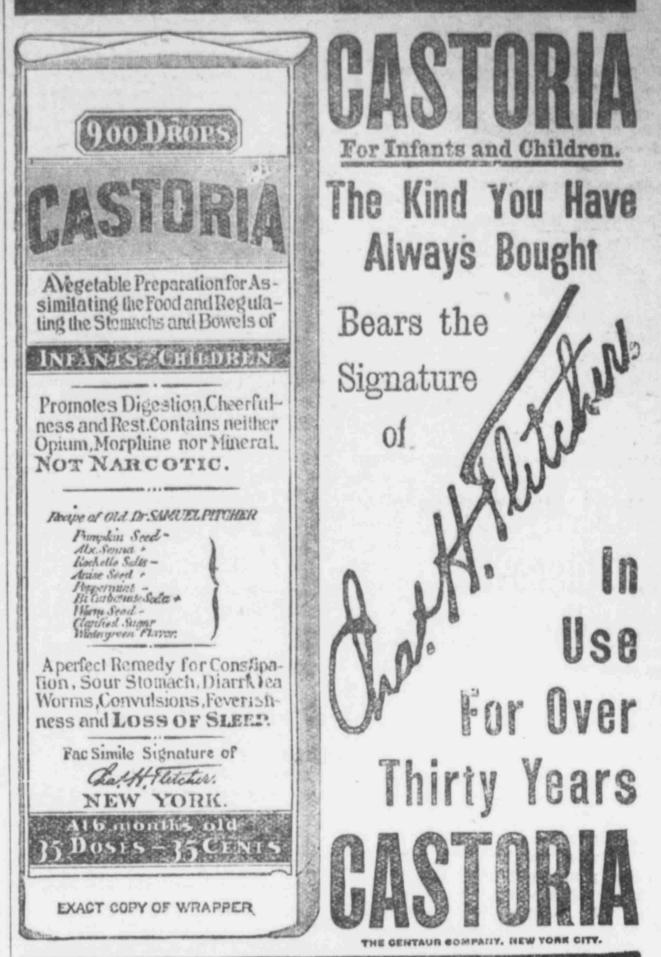
Wood 404 feet underground in a perfect state of preservation was found at the Alabang stock farm last week while boring for the second artesian well there. The drill had penetrated to a depth of 400 feet and had just been drilling hard rock when it suddenly struck a log which was five feet in diameter and in a perfect state of preservation.

How a log could be so far underground and underneath a ledge of rock in perfect condition is a question that is puzzling the officials of the Bureau of Agriculture.-Manila Times.

Honeymoon in Snowstorm.

An unusual honeymoon, filled with hardship and suffering, was the lot of Mr. and Mrs. George Fitting, of Manitou, who returned Saturday from the White River country after a week of frightful experiences. The young couple went on a hunt and were caught in a storm. For more than a week they ploughed their way through snow three feet deep on the level, riding horseback, and finally making their way into New Castle.

Mrs. Fitting is the sister of Lisle Harris, the capitalist, and is accounted the most beautiful bride seen this season in Manitou. She was wedded secretly at a small town in Iowa, and the pair came west to spend their honeymoon.-Colorado Springs correspondence Denver News.



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